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(54) ELECTROLYTE FOR LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY AND MANUFACTURE OF THE LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY USING THE SAME

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an electrolyte for a lithium secondary battery having high ionic conductivity and good mechanical characteristics.

SOLUTION: An electrolyte for a lithium secondary battery contains at least a composite material of alkoxy modified dialkyl polysiloxane and polyalkylene oxide. The electrolyte for the lithium secondary battery containing at least the composite material of alkoxy modified dialkyl polysiloxane and polyalkylene oxide is impregnated in a nonwoven fabric, gelled, and this impregnated nonwoven fabric is carried between a positive electrode and a negative electrode to manufacture the lithium secondary battery.

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(54) 【発明の名称】 リチウム2次電池用電解質及びこれを用いたリチウム2次電池の製造方法

(57) 【要約】

【課題】 本発明の課題は、優れたイオン伝導性を有し、機械的特性の良好なリチウム2次電池用電解質を提供することにある。

【解決手段】 少なくともアルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドとの複合物を含有することを特徴するリチウム2次電池用電解質、及び少なくともアルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドとの複合物を含有するリチウム2次電池用電解質を不織布に含浸してゲル化した後、正極及び負極材間に担持させることを特徴とするリチウム2次電池の製造方法。

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【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】 少なくともアルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドとの複合物を含有することを特徴するリチウム2次電池用電解質。

【請求項2】 請求項1に於けるリチウム2次電池用電解質を不織布に含浸してゲル化させた後、正極及び負極材間に担持させることを特徴とするリチウム2次電池の製造方法。

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【発明の属する技術分野】この発明は、リチウム2次電池用電解質、更にはリチウム2次電池の製造方法に関する。

【0002】

【従来の技術】リチウム2次電池は理論エネルギー密度が高く、ポータブル電子機器電源をはじめ、電気自動車、電力貯蔵用電源等その応用範囲は広い。従来のリチウム2次電池に用いられている電解質は、リチウムの高い反応性のためにイオン伝導度の高い水溶液系が使えないことから、リチウム塩を非水溶液中に溶解させた有機電解液が用いられている。しかし、有機電解質では液状であるため、電池が破損したり、過充電時の発熱などにより気化し、常に爆発の危険が伴い、そのために充分な安全策を講じる必要があり、それがまた電池のコストの上昇の原因や使い勝手の悪さになっていた。

【0003】これに対し、最近では無機固体電解質や高分子固体電解質等が多く提案されている。特に、高分子固体電解質では、比較的高いイオン伝導性、広い電位窓、良好な薄膜形成性、柔軟性、軽量性、弾性、透明性等を備えた優れた特徴を持っている。また、2次電池では、多くの電極活物質が作動中のその体積を変化させるので、高分子固体電解質の柔軟性や弾性的特性は特に重要である。

【0004】このような高分子固体電解質として、特開平8-78053号公報ではシリコン系化合物が提案されている。しかし、このシリコン化合物では、十分なイオン伝導性を得られず、実際に電池として使用する場合には有機溶媒等の可塑剤の添加が不可欠である。一方で、このような可塑剤を添加すると機械的強度が低下し、電解質からの液漏れ等が再び問題となってしまう。

【0005】電解質の機械的強度を低下させず、かつに十分なイオン伝導性を得ようとする試みは、米国特許第5,609,974号明細書に記載されている。この特許によれば、架橋されたラジカル重合による高分子により機械的強度や溶媒との親和性等が改良されたとある。しかし、このようなラジカル重合性のポリマーでは、主鎖は炭素間での結合であり、イオン伝導性には寄与しない。このため、架橋によって機械的強度を増大させるといふ試みは、電解質のイオン伝導性を低下させてしまうという欠点を持っていた。

【0006】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】本発明の課題は、高いイオン伝導性を有し、立体架橋構造によって機械的強度を増した繰り返し特性の優れたリチウム2次電池用高分子固体電解質を提供することにある。更には、これを用いて、より低コストでリチウム2次電池を提供することにある。

【0007】

【問題を解決するための手段】本発明者らは鋭意検討した結果、少なくともアルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドとが複合された高分子材料を含有するリチウム2次電池用電解質を用いて上記問題を解決した。更に、このリチウム2次電池用電解質を不織布に含浸してゲル化させた後、正極及び負極材間に担持させることによって、より低コストのリチウム2次電池を提供できることを見出した。

【0008】

【発明の実施の形態】以下、本発明のリチウム2次電池用電解質におけるアルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドとの複合物等の構成物を説明し、続いてこれらを用いたリチウム2次電池の製造方法を説明する。

【0009】本発明のリチウム2次電池用電解質は、少なくともアルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドとの複合物を含有する。本発明に係わるアルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドとの複合物は、アルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドとが複合された高分子材料を意味し、主鎖を構成するポリシロキサン鎖に対してポリアルキレンオキサイドが側鎖にペンダント状に結合している複合材料、または主鎖を構成するポリシロキサン鎖の片末端あるいは両末端にポリアルキレンオキサイドが結合している複合材料、更にはポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドがブロック状に結合している複合材料であって、いずれもポリシロキサン鎖の珪素に結合しているアルキル基のうちの一部分がアルコキシ変性を受けている複合材料である。

【0010】アルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドとの複合物の製造方法としては、まずジクロロメチルシラン、ジクロロジメチルシラン及びジクロロメチルメトキシシランの混合物を加水分解させ重合させてポリシロキサン鎖を形成させる。次に、得られたポリシロキサン鎖の珪素に残留する水素とポリエチレンオキサイド $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n\text{R}$ （ここでRはアルキル基、nは正の整数を示す）を白金触媒中で反応させて、側鎖にポリエチレンオキサイドを付加させる。

【0011】この時、反応のいずれかの段階でクロトリメチルシランを併用することによってポリシロキサン鎖の末端のヒドロキシ基を除き、上記複合物を得ること

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ができる。得られた複合物は、加温等の条件下で、ポリシロキサン鎖に結合するメトキシ基を加水分解することで、架橋することができる。

【0012】更に別の方法としては、ジクロルジメチルシランとジクロルメチルメトキシシランを加水分解させて重合させ、末端にクロルが残存する条件下でポリアルキレンオキサイド $\text{HO}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_m\text{R}'$ （ここで R' はアルキル基、 m は正の整数を示す）と反応させ、片末端あるいは両末端にポリエチレンオキサイドを付加させて、アルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドとの複合物を得ることができる。

【0013】片末端に付加した場合に残存するヒドロキシ基をクロルトリメチルシランを用いて、反応のいずれかの段階に使用して取り除く必要がある。作製された上記複合物も、メトキシ基を加水分解させることで、架橋することができる。

【0014】このような方法を更に発展させて、ポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドの複合物前駆体をあらかじめ作製しておき、この前駆体を反応させてブロック型の複合物を得ることができる。

【0015】以上の製造方法では、ポリアルキレンオキサイドとしてポリエチレンオキサイド誘導体を示したが、ポリアルキレンオキサイドとしてはポリエチレンオキサイドの他、ポリプロピレンオキサイドやこれらの混合物及び複合物も使用できる。また、本発明に係わる複合物におけるアルコキシ基としては、出発原料であるジクロルメチルメトキシシランのメトキシ基を他のアルコキシ基に変えることで、メトキシ基だけでなく炭素数3以上のアルコキシ基も導入できるが、反応性の関係からメトキシ基あるいはエトキシ基が好ましい。

【0016】本発明のリチウム2次電池用の電解質を作製する場合には、上述したアルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドの複合物の他に、支持電解質、可塑剤を混合して、不織布に含浸させ加熱等により架橋反応を起こしてゲル化させる。

【0017】本発明で使用する電解質はリチウム塩であり、その具体例としては LiBPh （ Ph はフェニル基を示す）、 LiBF_4 、 LiClO_4 、 LiPF_6 、 LiAsF_6 、 LiSbF_6 、 LiCF_3SO_3 、 $\text{Li}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)_2\text{N}$ 、 LiCF_3SO_3 、 $\text{LiC}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)_3$ 等のリチウム塩が挙げられるが、特にこれらに限定されるわけではない。これら電解質は、0.1モル/リットル以上8モル/リットルの濃度で使用されるが、0.5モル/リットル以上3.5モル/リットル以下で使用するのが好ましい。

【0018】可塑剤としては非水溶媒が使用でき、その具体例としてはエチレンカーボネイト、プロピレンカーボネイト、ブチレンカーボネイト、ジメチルカーボネイト、ジエチルカーボネイト等のカーボネイト系溶媒、メチラール、1,2-ジメトキシエタン、1,2-ジエ

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キシエタン、1-エトキシ-2-メトキシエタン、アルコキシポリアルキレンエーテル等のエーテル系溶媒、テトラヒドロフラン、2-メチルテトラヒドロフラン、2,5-ジメトキシテトラヒドロフラン等のフラン系溶媒、エチレングリコール、プロピレングリコール、グリセリン、各種ブタンジオール、ポリオキシアルキレングリコール等のアルコール系溶媒等の他、ジオキソラン、ジオキサン等が使用できるが、特にこれらに限定されるわけではない。これらの可塑剤は、2種以上混合して用いることもできる。

【0019】本発明に用いる不織布としては、従来の湿式あるいは乾式のいずれにおいて製造されたものも用いることができるが、アルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドの複合物と可塑剤及び電解質とを混合して得られる電解質溶液のイオン伝導性に対して低抵抗性であり、かつ電解質溶液の保持性に優れた不織布が好適に使用される。不織布に用いられる繊維材としては、ポリエステル、ポリプロピレン、ポリエチレン、テフロン等及びこれらの混合物が挙げられるが、特にこれらに限定されるわけではない。また、その目付量は 100 g/m^2 以下が好ましく、好ましくは $5\sim 50\text{ g/m}^2$ である。使用される繊維材としては、ポリエステル、ポリプロピレン、ポリエチレン、テフロン等であるが特にこれらに限定される訳ではない。

【0020】本発明では、電解質溶液を不織布に含浸した後、加熱等によりアルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドの複合物を架橋させて電解質溶液をゲル化させる。架橋時の加熱温度としては、 60°C 以上 250°C 以下が好ましく、より好ましくは 80°C から 180°C 程度に加熱される。

【0021】加熱によりゲル化した電解質溶液はフィルム状となり、この後負極、正極間に保持させてリチウム2次電池となる。負極材としては、リチウム金属、リチウムを含有する炭素材料等が使用できる。正極材としては、金属酸化物、金属硫化物のリチウム複合物、導電性高分子と含硫黄化合物のリチウム複合物等が使用できる。本発明に係わるリチウム2次電池は、コイン、シート、円筒等種々の形態で用いることができる。

【0022】

【作用】本発明は、リチウム2次電池用電解質及びこれを用いたリチウム2次電池の製造方法に関するものであり、少なくともアルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドが複合物を含有することを特徴としている。このアルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキサイドが複合物を含有するリチウム2次電池用電解質は、優れたイオン伝導性を有するばかりでなく、アルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサン鎖におけるアルコキシ基の反応による立体架橋構造によって、機械的特性の良好なリチウム2次電池用電解質を得ることができる。

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【0023】更に、このリチウム2次電池用電解質不織布に含浸されゲル化した後、正極及び負極材間に担持されることによって、低コストで良好な特性を有するリチウム2次電池を提供することができる。

【0024】

【実施例】以下、実施例により更に本発明を詳細に説明するが、本発明の主旨を越えない限り、これらに限定されるものではない。

【0025】実施例

アルコキシ変性ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキシドの複合物として、メトキシ変性を受けたポリジメチルシロキサンとポリエチレンオキシド及びポリプロピレンオキシドがブロック状に配置した分子重6000の複合物(a)50重量部と、エチレンカーボネイト50重量部、エタノール50重量部、 LiClO_4 を100重量部(約1モル/リットル)をよく混合した。

【0026】この混合液をポリプロピレンの繊維よりなる目付量40g/m²の不織布に含浸させ、80℃において30分予備乾燥を行ってエタノールを除去した。更に、120℃で2時間加熱して、総重量80g/m²のフィルム状の高分子電解質を作製した。このフィルム状の高分子電解質の電気伝導性を測定したところ、 $2.9 \times 10^{-3} \Omega \text{cm}$ (測定温度23℃)であった。

【0027】負極材としてリチウム金属薄、正極材として LiCoO_2 87重量部、導電助剤であるアセチレンブラック10重量部、及びバインダーであるポリフッ化ビニリデン3重量部をN-メチル-2-ピロリドン30

重量部と共に十分に混練した混合物を用いた。次に、正負極材間に上記で作製した高分子電解質を担持し、リチウム2次電池を作製した。

【0028】得られたリチウム2次電池の電池特性を検討したところ、この電池は400mAhの容量持ち、1/2CmAでの充放電で容量が80%になるまでのサイクル特性は400回であった。

【0029】比較例

ジアルキルポリシロキサンとポリアルキレンオキシドの化合物として、ポリジメチルシロキサンが主鎖に、ポリエチレンオキシドが側鎖に配置した分子重8000の化合物(a)50重量部と、エチレンカーボネイト50重量部、エタノール50重量部、 LiClO_4 を100重量部(約1モル/リットル)をよく混合した。

【0030】この混合液をポリプロピレンの繊維よりなる目付量40g/m²の不織布に含浸し、80℃において30分予備乾燥を行ってエタノールを除去した。更に、120℃に2時間加熱したが、電解質はフィルム状とはならず、不織布が電解質を保持できないため、電気伝導性は測定できなかった。

【0031】

【発明の効果】以上説明したとおり、本発明によれば、優れたイオン伝導性を有し、機械的特性の良好なリチウム2次電池用電解質を得ることができる。更に、リチウム2次電池用電解質を不織布に含浸させてゲル化させた後、正極及び負極材間に保持させることによって、低コストで良好な特性を有するリチウム2次電池を提供することができる。

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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The electrolyte for lithium rechargeable batteries which carries out the feature of containing the composite of an alkoxy denaturation dialkyl polysiloxane and polyalkylene oxide at least.

[Claim 2] The manufacture method of the lithium rechargeable battery characterized by making it support between positive-electrode and negative-electrode material after sinking into a nonwoven fabric and making it gel the electrolyte for lithium rechargeable batteries in a claim 1.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[The technical field to which invention belongs] This invention relates to the manufacture method of the electrolyte for lithium rechargeable batteries, and also a lithium rechargeable battery.

[0002]

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